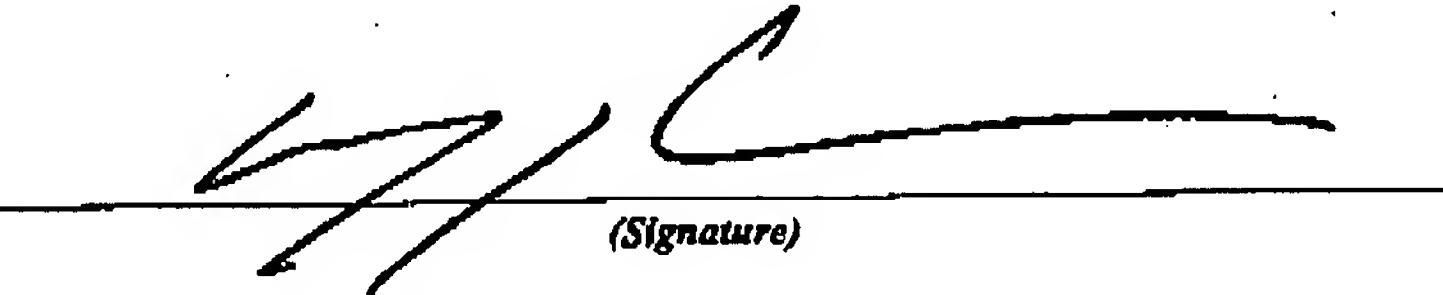


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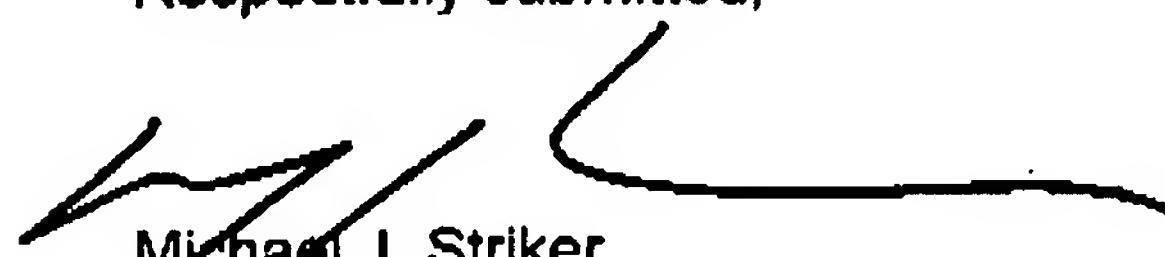
**Reference is made to the attached Notification of Abandonment of the  
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**Applicant wishes to confirm that in the decision rendered by the Petition's  
branch on July 23, 2007 applicant was given a period of two months within which to  
respond thereto.**

**Applicant wishes to further confirm that on July 31, 2007 a renewed  
Petition with supporting documents under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and 37 CFR 1.47(a) was  
filed and is currently pending..**

Accordingly, it is not intended that the subject application remain abandoned, and consideration of the renewed petition as described above is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495) has made the following determination:

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Therefore, the above identified application failed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495, and is ABANDONED AS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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